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## River Nest

### Stanley, Virginia

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*Virginia Green* is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

### River Nest – Allstar Lodging

River Nest cabin is a new, riverfront chalet on the Shenandoah River located between the towns of Stanley and Shenandoah.

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to River Nest can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day.

- House cleaners have been trained on process for optional linen service
- Minimized use of bleach

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program.

- **Recycle:** Glass, aluminum cans, grease, plastic, newspaper, fluorescent lamps, batteries and electronics equipment
- Bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct house cleaners to save and reuse unopened items
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use of water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Using "green" cleaners
- Using latex paints
- Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimizing the use of pesticides and herbicides

☑ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought tolerant species
- Minimized paved and other impervious areas wherever possible.
- Water purification system

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- High efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

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For more information on **River Nest**, see [www.AllstarLodging.com](http://www.AllstarLodging.com) or contact Nellene Smith at [mzsmif@embarqmail.com](mailto:mzsmif@embarqmail.com).

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen) or [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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